



**Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation**

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former ANSCO Camera Factory  
9 and 16 Emma Street  
Binghamton, NY 13905

**SITE No. C704059**  
**NYSDEC REGION 7**

**March 2019**

### **Where to Find Information:**

*Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.*

**Broome County Public Library**  
185 Court Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
(607) 778-6400

**DEC Kirkwood Sub-office**  
Attn: Gary Priscott  
1679 NY Route 11  
Kirkwood, NY 13795  
(607) 775-2545 extension 116  
*by appointment only*

### **Who to Contact:**

*Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:*

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**For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

### **Soil Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Former ANSCO Camera Factory site ("site") located at 9 and 16 Emma Street, Binghamton, New York, Broome County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site including the Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in April or May 2019 and last approximately one week. The activities will be performed by Freewheelin ANSCO, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

**Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan:** An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may come in contact with contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The IRM work plan describes upcoming cleanup activities. The plan includes:

- Excavating approximately 90 cubic yards of soil contaminated with metals (primarily lead) from 9 Emma Street and disposing of it off-site;
- Excavating approximately 275 cubic yards of soil contaminated with trichloroethene (TCE) from 16 Emma Street and disposing of it off-site;
- Importing and placing clean backfill material; and
- Continued implementation of the Interim Site Management Plan, Health and Safety Plan, and Community Air Monitoring Plan.

**Site Description:** The site consists of two parcels, 9 Emma Street and 16 Emma Street, in the City of Binghamton. The two parcels span Emma Street and total approximately 4.2 acres. The site is just north of Main Street and is bordered on the north side by an active rail line. The western parcel (9 Emma Street) is vacant, open, and mostly covered with deteriorated asphalt pavement. The eastern parcel (16 Emma Street) includes an approximately 145,000 square foot, multi-story building. Currently the building is mostly vacant and under renovation for mixed residential and commercial uses. Historic manufacturing uses of the building from 1927 to 1970 included the General Cigar Company and Ansco's Camera Factory. Mixed and combined commercial and industrial uses of the building since 1970 have included commercial electrical contracting, industrial electrical parts supply, computer peripheral manufacturing, specialty chemical dye manufacturing, and electroplating.

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**Site Description (continued):** Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C704059)

[http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?  
pageid=3](http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3)

**Summary of the Investigation:** The remedial investigation is ongoing. Preliminary investigation results have been used to identify opportunities for the expedited cleanup activities announced in this fact sheet. To date, results indicate detections of volatile organic compounds in groundwater, isolated areas of soil and in soil vapor; also, inorganics (i.e., metals) have been detected in isolated areas of soil. Full investigation results will be detailed in a final report and used to evaluate the appropriate final site-wide remedy. The final remedial investigation report and any additional cleanup plans will be available to the public when they are completed.

**Next Steps:** When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared to document the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Brownfield Cleanup Program:** New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Site Location Map

